

MONTGOMERY

INFANT SCHOOL AND NURSERY



Friday 9th September 2022

Dear parents/carers,

A very warm welcome to all our Nursery and Reception families, the children have settled in well to their new classes and routines. We hope you have a lovely time with us at Montgomery.

Our dates for this term are filling up quickly and we will try to inform you as soon as possible of any celebration dates so that you are able to attend.

We will be beginning termly Stay and Plays in our Key stage One classes this half term, with a focus on writing. Reception Classes will be holding weekly Stay and Plays after half term and will inform parents of these through Tapestry. For our Nursery children Stay and Plays may start later in the term, depending on how settled the children are, as additional adults in the class can be disruptive to early routine establishment.

We are also planning to hold a number of parent workshops throughout the year, supporting you and your child on their learning journey with us.

Thank you for your continued support—Sue Bridgeman, Head Teacher

The Passing of Our Lady Sovereign Queen Elizabeth II

This morning we held a commemorative assembly for Queen Elizabeth II, for our Key stage One children. Children watched images of the Queen covering her 96 years of life, whilst listening to one of her favourite songs, "Sing" sung by the Commonwealth Choir. The children were very respectful.

Over the coming days we will respond to the needs of children and families and advice from the DfE regarding the mourning period and any action that might need to be taken. We will keep you informed of any developments.

Morning Music

This week we have been listening to **Soul, RnB and Funk** and listening to the artists: Stevie Wonder, James Brown, Average White band and the music of Whitney Houston!

Next week—We will be listening to a range of Folk music.

Dates for your diary

Monday 3rd October—Stay and Play Year 2, 2:30pm

Tuesday 4th October—Stay and Play Year 1, 2:30pm

W/B Monday 10th October—Parent Meetings (details to follow)

Wednesday 19th October—

School Council Voting

Friday 21st October—

School Council Results

Break up for half term

Tuesday 1st November—Back to school

Dinner Menu

Dinner menu week beginning 12th September will be the **Week 3** menu.

Our menus can be found [here](#).

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Clubs

We're really excited to be able to run a number of new clubs this year. Most of these are available for our KS1 children. We have found in the past that our Reception children often find attending after school clubs tiring after a very busy day.

Family Gardening Club—Starting next Thursday (15th September). This is for all our families and is very popular with our Early Years families as well as Key Stage One.

Cooking Club—This is offered to a selection of our families in Year 2. Every Tuesday for 4 weeks.

Art Club - Children will be selected by class teachers to join this after school club starting on Wednesday 14th October. It will be for children who demonstrate a keenness for creativity and will run for 4 weeks. Letters will be going out shortly.

Yoga Club— Run by Mrs Keogan on a Thursday, starting next week (15th September).

Football Club— On Tuesdays, Bookings made online directly with the Football coaches.

Dance Club—On Mondays, starting 12th September and running for 6 weeks.

Fencing Club—Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, Bookings made directly online with the fencing Coaches. Dates to be confirmed soon.

We are a large Infant school and our after school clubs often fill very quickly. We operate a first come, first served basis and hold a waiting list for those who have not secured a place. We try to ensure that all children who wish to attend a club will be able to do so during the year.

Montgomery Nearly New Uniform Shop

We will be opening our 'pop up' shop in our Sunshine Room (the demountable) on Monday mornings after school drop off and until 9:00am. We ask for a small voluntary donation in exchange for clothing. We understand the increased financial pressures that our families may be experiencing, so these voluntary donations can be left anonymously in the available donation box. Pay as much or as little as you like.

Currently we have a lot of jumpers/sweatshirts. If you have any spare uniform at home that you would like to donate please drop it off during these times in our 'pop up' shop.

We are also after any spare child size coat hangers and clothes rails to display items.

Bikes and scooters

We currently have limited storage for bikes and scooters, so if you are able to take these home with you that would be very much appreciated. We are currently reviewing our outdoor provision and looking forwards to future developments, which will include additional storage for bikes.

We have had reports of missing scooters from before the school holidays. Can you please ensure that children only take items that belong to them. Any bikes or scooters that have been accidentally taken need to be returned to the bike shed.